

BUSINESS IMPROVING

Upward Tendency of Prices Again a Feature.

EXPANSION IN BANK CLEARINGS

Shoes Are no Higher But Leather Costs More, as Does Flour, Pork, Lard, Sugar and Tea.

New York, August 6.—Broadstreet tomorrow will say: General trade shows the most pronounced gains this week at Chicago, St. Louis and Galveston. The feeling of confidence that general business is to improve in the early autumn is marked at these cities, and purchases of dry goods, clothing, shoes and other staples have increased heavily and are followed by a disposition to move prices up. Purchases were restricted at Kansas City, Omaha and some other western points early in the week owing to the extreme heat, but rains and cooler weather have stimulated the demand. As to the Pacific Coast business is brisk, the feature in California being heavy wheat shipments to San Francisco, at Portland large exports of lumber and at Seattle large quantities of cotton goods and other staples. The movement of general merchandise throughout the country is unquestionably larger than last week. Cotton goods and market indications are better off and the stagnation in iron and steel has given way to a growing inquiry and increasing output. But more significant still is the extraordinary expansion in bank clearings this week and last month.

The upward tendency of prices during the past three weeks is again a feature, wool being firmer and higher for some varieties. Cotton yarn is stronger as are some grades of cotton cloth. Wheat is no higher, but leather and hides are about a week ago, as does wheat flour, pork, lard, Pacific coast sugar, sugar, soft coal and tea. There is a 25-cent advance in Bismarck iron at Pittsburgh, which market declines orders for the future at current quotations and iron bars and iron and steel sheets at western centers. In fact our production in iron and steel has advanced.

Exports of grain from the United States and Montreal this week show a sharp increase amounting to 3,205,477 bushels, compared with 2,343,000 bushels last week, 2,757,000 bushels the same week a year ago, 1,550,000 bushels two years ago, and as contrasted with 1,381,000 bushels in the like week of 1895.

Exports of Indian corn this week amounted to 3,325,885 bushels, compared with 2,430,000 bushels last week, 1,267,000 in the week a year ago, 1,108,000 bushels two years ago, 226,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 1,381,000 bushels in the like week of 1895.

There are 41 failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week compared with 32 last week and 35 in the week a year ago.

DUN'S REVIEW.

Smallest Number of Failures in Any Month Since 1894.

New York, August 6.—B. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade to-morrow will say:

Last month was the first for four years of which the volume of business reported by clearing houses was larger than in the same month of 1892 and the telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the country for the week show a prevailing improvement. This is partly due to a large yield, for which there is good price, though the crop is probably not as large, nor are prices thus far as high as in 1892, but of cotton the yield is higher and the price probably larger than in that year. Other farm products are realizing better prices and the possible decrease in the yield of corn may help to take the enormous supply brought over from last year.

TO BEAT THE TARIFF LAW.

How the Importer Can Get the Advantage.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 6.—A decision of the board of general appraisers was requested by Collector Jackson today which, it is believed, opens the way for some importers to get their goods out of the bonded warehouses by paying the rate of duties under the tariff law of the country for the week ending the Dingley tariff act. They will have to remain in bond three years, however, before it can be done.

The principle of the decision is that goods which remain in bond for three years are not to be deemed abandoned to the government and the abandonment relates back to the time the goods were first entered. The government then sells them, and after retaining the amount of duty assessed at the time of the abandonment, which is the time of entry, pays the balance over to the importer. In the case decided the old duty was the higher. In the case of imports sold now the old duty was the lower. But the principle is the same, and unless congress acts to protect the revenues of the government the importer will get the advantage in the rate.

Amateur Soldiers in Camp.

SANTA MONICA, August 6.—Upon the invitation of General East, the newly formed naval division, commanded by Lieutenant J. F. Hunt, from Santa Barbara arrived at camp Santa Monica today to remain until Sunday morning. The officers will be examined while in camp by Brigadier General Barrett. General Barrett expresses himself as greatly pleased with the whole camp and the evident willingness and businesslike attitude of the amateur soldiers, and predicts one of the most successful camps ever held in the state.

Has Never Been Lost.

OAKLAND, August 6.—John F. Lynes, the theological student reported missing, has returned and reports that he has never been lost. This case was a peculiar one. Lynes told his family he was going to Crockett, but afterward changed his mind and went to San Francisco to do some work. He told his mother of his plans, but omitted to tell his sister, who finding he had not arrived at Crockett became alarmed, and started out to look for him. He was found by her in a hotel, and notified the police.

Journeymen Butchers to Meet.

LOS ANGELES, August 6.—The Journeymen Butchers' Protective and Benevolent Association of the Pacific Coast will hold a convention in thirteenth day of next month. Delegates will be present from Oregon, Washington, Nevada and various points in California. The object of the convention is to unite the journeymen butchers in a closer federation for their mutual benefit.

The kitchen sink smells bad, and causes sickness in a family. Use Seal Life in sifting top cans.

INDIAN CHIEF KILLED.

He Went to Stop a Debauch But Got Drunk Himself.

PHOENIX, Ariz., August 6.—Chief Juan Lopez of the Papago tribe on the Gila Bend reservation was shot and instantly killed last night near Maricopa station by a Pima Indian called Louis. The Indians at the camp near Maricopa have for days been on a protracted spree, securing whisky from Mexicans. According to authentic information Lopez had gone to stop the debauch, but instead himself became intoxicated and made more trouble than any of the others. This resulted in an attack upon him by four Pimas. As he was a man of giant stature and strength the chief was fighting the best of the night, but he was overpowered and shot him through the heart. The murderer is still at large, but will be brought in by the Indians if wanted by the authorities.

ANNOYING A WIDOW.

A Crowd of Masked Men Subject Her to Abusive Talk.

STOCKTON, August 6.—A band of masked men, numbering a dozen or fifteen, have been descending on the house of Mrs. Sanguinetti, seven miles from Stockton, on the Cherokee Lane road, and compelling her to come out of the house at late hours of the night to be abused and subjected to abusive talk. According to the report brought to this city today the crowd, each man wearing a mask, assembled there late one night at about 10 o'clock last night. The men stayed nearly an hour, and loud talking could be heard in the Italian language. The woman's husband died mysteriously about a year ago, under circumstances at that time, and appeared about 10 o'clock last night. The men stayed nearly an hour, and loud talking could be heard in the Italian language. The woman's husband died mysteriously about a year ago, under circumstances at that time, and appeared about 10 o'clock last night. The men stayed nearly an hour, and loud talking could be heard in the Italian language.

CHANGE OF PASTORS.

CONSIDERABLE STIR AMONG THE METHODISTS.

Affecting Leading Churches Throughout the State.

Some of the Probable Appointments.

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FAST TRAIN SERVICE

Southern Pacific Will Put on Another Train.

THE FASTEST IN THE VALLEY

The People of Visalia Preparing to Celebrate the Advent of the Valley Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 6.—The San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley road has been completed as far as the St. Johna river on the outskirts of Visalia, and from present indications the line will be completed to the town of Visalia within two weeks. Track laying is now being delayed by the construction of the bridge across the river. According to Engineer Storey's estimate, this work will not take more than two weeks, and within a day thereafter the first train on the Valley road will be in the city. The people of Visalia are preparing to celebrate the advent of the Valley road into their town in grand style.

In anticipation of the early operation of the Valley road to Visalia the Southern Pacific Company has inaugurated a 10-foot train between this city and the valley towns. The train leaves San Francisco at 1 p.m. and arrives at Visalia at 8:30 a.m. and reaches here at 4:15 p.m. Another train, to be the fastest in the San Joaquin valley, will be put on the run between Stockton and Fresno on Sunday. It will leave Stockton at 7 a.m. and arrive at Fresno at 10 a.m. and on the return will leave Fresno at 3 p.m. and arrive at Stockton at 6 p.m., making the run of 121 miles in three hours in both directions. The Fresno and Lathrop line, nine miles, in four hours and twenty minutes.

OAKLAND RACES.

A Humboldt County Horse Shocks the Talent.

OAKLAND, August 6.—The trotting races today attracted a good crowd and the sport was excellent, especially the 2:34 class trotting, which proved to be the best race of the week.

Two gentlemen's races created much excitement, especially among the members of the Golden Gate Driving club. There were no unusual number of heats and it was dark before the day's sport was over.

NEW POWER COMPANY.

San Francisco Capital to Be Invested at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, August 6.—C. R. Lloyd of this city is at the head of a proposed new electric power company which is to be the equal in magnitude of the Southern California Power Company. The originators of the scheme have acquired the water rights above the head works of the Southern California Power Company. A diverting dam will be built at Conditore Falls on Bear creek and the water will be conveyed in flumes and tunnels to Deer creek and the Santa Ana. Here the power house will be built.

Body Identified.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 7.—The body of the man found in the brush in Golden Gate park yesterday by a policeman was identified today as that of John N. Hopkins, an Englishman, 54 years old, the main event of the evening was a match between Harry Jones of San Francisco and Young Ziegler of Los Angeles. The former weighed 165 and the latter 163 pounds. The bout was scheduled for fifteen rounds. It lasted only nine. The fighting was fast and furious from the start.

Rich Ore Discovered.

RENNING, August 6.—The people of French Gulch, twenty-two miles from this city, are excited over the alleged discovery of a large body of fabulously rich ore in the Mills district mine near there. It is said that the gold can be taken out in great chunks and that the strike will prove extensive.

Social Democracy Officers.

LOS ANGELES, August 6.—The following temporary officers of the Social Democracy of America have been elected: Executive board—A. M. Green, chairman; A. J. Stevens, vice chairman; John Harrison, secretary; J. J. Mack, organizer. The organization will secure a charter at once.

Left for Klondike.

LOS ANGELES, August 6.—Captain Chas. W. Anderson and John Doyle, both well known here, have left for the Klondike gold fields. Anderson is interested in Klondike mining and has been an old and experienced miner. The men go prepared to remain in the gold country at least two years.

Treasurer Madden's Defalcation.

RENNING, August 6.—The extent of the defalcation of Treasurer Madden of Modoc county is unknown, pending the completion of the auditing of the books. Modoc county funds Madden held \$7000 in trust for several residents of Modoc county.

After Twenty Years.

ST. HELENA, August 6.—After twenty years' separation and three elections St. Helena is to have a high school. Three districts, St. Helena, Lodi and Vinland, voted on it as a unit, and the school district and the movement carried by a handsome majority.

Death in Arizona.

YUMA, Ariz., August 6.—Samuel Ross was found in a dying condition at Fortuna, Ariz., last Thursday. He had been drinking and laid down in the sun and died half an hour after he was found.

One Leading Cause of Malaria.

YUMA, Ariz., August 6.—One leading cause of malaria and fever is kitchen sinks and waste pipes, which breed disease germs. Cleanse them with granulated caustic soda packed in sifting top cans labeled Seal Life.

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WOOL ADVANCING.

A Gale of a Cent a Pound Each Week.

BOSTON, August 6.—The Commercial Bulletin tomorrow in its weekly report of the wool market will say: The market continues to advance slowly at the rate of about a cent a pound each week. Michigan was sold at 20 cents. The last week's stock was 20 cents. Australia had advanced 18 cents further. Best fine selection cost 60 cents the pound. Several old lots of 96 clip Texas and territory have been sold at full rate. The mills are averaging an advance of 15 per cent on their new cloth and are much encouraged. The sales of the week are 4,450,000 pounds domestic and 2,145,000 pounds foreign and 250,000 pounds foreign for the same week last year. The sales to date show an increase of 62,985,000 pounds domestic and 95,468,000 pounds foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896. The receipts to date show an increase of 50,271 bales domestic and 337,983 bales foreign.

The Empire Released on Bonds.

ST. LOUIS, August 6.—Jim Hurst, the league umpire, who was arrested yesterday for assaulting a Cincinnati man by a hearse, was released today in bonds of \$500, a writ of habeas corpus returned tomorrow being issued by Judge Murphy. Hurst umpired the Pittsburgh-St. Louis game here today.

A Demand for Laborers.

TACOMA, Wash., August 6.—Owing to the rush to Klondike the number of idle men in Washington, especially the Puget Sound district, is very small. Wages have recently been advanced while the demand for laborers exceeds the supply.

CANADIAN CUSTOMS.

EXORBITANT RATES SAID TO HAVE BEEN FIXED.

Fifteen Cents a Pound on Goods of Klondike Country.

WASHINGTON, August 6.—Representative J. Hamilton Lewis of the state of Washington today had a conference with the treasury officials in regard to customs matters on the Alaska-Canadian frontier. Mr. Lewis said that he had received information which he deemed trustworthy to the effect that the Canadian commissioner of customs had issued a special order fixing an exorbitant rate of duty on everything brought by miners entering the Klondike country by way of Alaska. According to Mr. Lewis' information this duty was 15 cents a pound on goods of Klondike origin.

WILL REPLY IN OCTOBER.

So England Informs the American Bimetallic Commission.

LONDON, August 6.—The British government has informed the American bimetallic commission that it will probably reply to the proposals of the commission on behalf of the United States in October.

SPARRING AT SAN DIEGO.

Young Dempsey Knocked Out by Harry Jones.

SAN DIEGO, August 7.—There was a large gathering at Hawkins' hall to-night, several sparring events being on the program. The first was a bout between Ed Smith of Los Angeles and Billy Brown of San Diego. Brown was knocked out in the first round. The main event of the evening was a match between Harry Jones of San Francisco and Young Ziegler of Los Angeles. The former weighed 165 and the latter 163 pounds. The bout was scheduled for fifteen rounds. It lasted only nine. The fighting was fast and furious from the start.

A Negro Lynched.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 6.—Near Springhill, Barbour county, about midnight, Theodore Turner, a negro farm hand, entered the bedroom of Miss Watson, daughter of his employer, and attempted to assault her. He was frightened away. Before daylight a posse was organized and the negro run down. He was taken back to the scene of the crime, identified and promptly hanged.

Nevada Fistic Carnival.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 6.—Alfred Ellinghouse, the Pacific Coast representative of light promoter "Bully" Brady, left today for Reno, Nev., where he is to attend to the preliminary arrangements for the proposed fistic carnival which is to be held there in October next.

Dentists Unite.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., August 6.—The American Association of Dentists and the Southern Dental Association, which organizations have been in convention at Old Port Comfort since Monday, have united, with Dr. Thomas F. H. Boshing of Chicago was elected secretary.

Lottery Agent Arrested.

WASHINGTON, August 6.—George Pender, supposed to be an agent of the Honduras National Lottery Company, was arrested here today, charged with violating the anti-lottery law. This is the first arrest made under the ordinance in Washington for years.

The Sierra Railway.

OAKDALE, August 6.—Work on the Sierra railway is progressing rapidly. The rails are now laid to Don Pedro, four miles from Chinese Camp. Work on the freight depot and bridge across the river is also being pushed. The traffic of the road is increasing every day.

WILLOW GROVE RACES

End of the Meet of the League Wheelmen.

OVER 45,000 IN ATTENDANCE

The Great Mile Open Professional Final Heat Won by Earl Kiser.

PHILADELPHIA, August 7.—The greatest race meet in the history of America cycling came to an end this evening at Willow Grove park, when the eighteenth annual meet of the L. A. W. closed. In attendance there has never been a race meet that has even approached it. During the two days of racing nearly 45,000 persons witnessed the striving of the crack men from all parts of the United States, two from Mexico and the Canadian crack, Longhead, for fame and prizes. Yesterday's attendance of 15,000 was very nearly doubled today, with an attendance of between 25,000 and 30,000. In the professional mile the circuit chasers showed themselves to be in fine form, which resulted in the closest and most strategic competition that has been witnessed in a long time.

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

CLOUBURSTS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE EMPIRE.

No Intention of Beginning a Tariff War Against the United States.

BERLIN,

